

REMARKS

1. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that dependent claims 3, 9 and 11 recite allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 5 and 7 have been amended to include the subject matter of the allowable dependent claims and intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 2-3, 6, 8-9 and 11 have been cancelled. Also, claim 12 has been amended to update its dependency.

2. Correspondence Address

On October 18, 2007, a Power of Attorney and Correspondence Address Indication Form together with a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) were submitted. However, correspondence continues to be sent to the prior correspondence address. Therefore, copies of the Form and the Statement are resubmitted with this Reply. Correction of the correspondence address is respectfully requested.

3. Specification

The Office Action indicates that the application should be amended to include the status of related U.S. applications. The Applicant is not aware of the recitation of any related applications. Therefore, no amendments related to this subject were made. If this issue remains, the Examiner is requested to more specifically identify where amendment is to be made. Also, since the goal of this reply to place allowable subject matter in condition for final allowance, the Applicant would like to avoid another action for this or any other relatively minor matter. Therefore, for any outstanding issues concerning the application, the Applicant would appreciate a call to the undersigned representative.

The Office Action indicates that the title is not descriptive. The title has been amended and incorporates the phrase suggested by the Examiner.

4. Drawing

The drawing has been objected to for not showing certain claimed features. Enclosed is a new drawing sheet to add figure 6. Also, the application has been

amended to include a brief description and a detailed description of figure 6. It is submitted that no new matter has been added to the drawing or the specification.

5. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0040020 to Yang or U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0002652 to Takahashi. As indicated, the independent claims have been amended to incorporate subject matter that is allowable. Accordingly, the rejections should be considered moot and their withdrawal is requested.

6. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 4 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yang in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0188814 to Saito. As indicated, the independent claims have been amended to incorporate subject matter that is allowable. Accordingly, the rejections should be considered moot and their withdrawal is requested.

7. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0988, our Order No. SALBP0155US.

Respectfully submitted,

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